

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 614

By Henry

A RESOLUTION relative to the need for a comprehensive fiscal analysis of services and supports to adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) and children with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED).

WHEREAS, a number of changes have recently occurred or have been proposed, including, but not limited to, the advent of the Medicare pharmacy benefit, the re-insurance program proposed by Governor Bredesen, the institution of Safety Net services, and the restructuring of TennCare; and

WHEREAS, the time has come for a thorough analysis of funding streams and expenditures for care of Tennesseans with SPMI and SED in order to determine the most efficient and effective use of public and private funds to provide appropriate care to these extremely vulnerable persons in order to promote resiliency and recovery; and

WHEREAS, this study would provide base-line information to monitor cost-shifting and develop solid recommendations for future fiscal arrangements, supporting decisions for future directions that can be data driven; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby reconfirms its commitment to developing efficient and effective services to SPMI and SED persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this General Assembly urges Governor Phil Bredesen to develop, in consultation with appropriate state agencies and NAMI-Tennessee, an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, a request for proposals from an appropriate research body to conduct a comprehensive fiscal analysis which shall include recommendations

for future actions by the State of Tennessee relative to providing the most efficient and effective use of public and private funds to provide appropriate care to these extremely vulnerable persons in order to promote resiliency and recovery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.